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SUBJECT: BUNKER FUEL FOR VESSELS

REF: A) JAKARTA 14838; B) STATE 244003

1. ON BASIS INFO CONTAINED IN REFEL A IT APPEARS
INDONESIAN GOVERNMENT PROBABLY INTENDS DISCRIMINATORY
FORM OF ALLOCATION IN SHIP BUNKERING. US, JAPAN, UK,
NORDICS, USSR AND INDIA AMONG OTHERS HAVE INDICATED THEIR
INTENTION TO PROVIDE NON-DISCRIMINATORY TREATMENT FOR
FOREIGN-FLAG COMMERCIAL CARGO VESSELS VIS-A-VIS THEIR OWN
NATIONAL FLAG VESSELS IN ALLOCATION OF BUNKERS. INDO-
NESIAN MEASURES THUS SEEM CERTAIN TO BRING INCREASING
PRESSURE FROM SHIPPING LINES FOR RETALIATORY ACTION BY US
(AND/OR OTHER COUNTRIES). IN THAT REGARD, UNDER SECTION 19
OF THE MERCHANT MARINE ACT OF 1920 THE FEDERAL MARITIME
COMMISSION (FMC) ALREADY HAS THE POWER TO IMPOSE RETALIA-
TORY MEASURES AGAINST NATIONS WHICH DISCRIMINATE AGAINST
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VESSELS ENGAGED IN THE FOREIGN TRADE OF THE US. THE

AUTHORITY FOR RETALIATORY ACTION IS ALSO CONTAINED IN THE PROPOSED US PETROLEUM ALLOCATION PROVISIONS, WHICH WERE REPRODUCED IN REF B. THE DEPARTMENT WOULD ENDEAVOR TO DEFER RETALIATORY ACTION, BY ANY US AGENCY HOPING IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE TO AVOID CONFRONTATION ON THIS ISSUE AS LONG AS US FOREIGN TRADE OPERATIONS ARE NOT SERIOUSLY AFFECTED.

ACCORDINGLY, DEPARTMENT REQUESTS EMBASSY PROVIDE, AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, ASSESSMENT OF ACTUAL CONSEQUENCES FOR SHIPS INVOLVED IN US TRADE. ADDITIONALLY, EMBASSY REQUESTED TO APPROACH INDONESIAN GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AT WHATEVER LEVEL SEEMS APPROPRIATE TO SEEK CLARIFICATION OF INDONESIAN ALLOCATION POLICIES, AND IF DISCRIMINATORY PRACTICES ARE CONFIRMED, TO SEEK REVISION OF GUIDELINES OR OTHER ACTIONS WHICH WOULD RESULT IN THE NON-DISCRIMINATORY ALLOCATION OF BUNKER FUELS TO PARTICIPANTS IN INDONESIAN INTERNATIONAL SHIPPING, REGARDLESS OF FLAG. KISSINGER

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